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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You are in my prayers as I continue my Lenten Journey. I recalled with gratitude to God the blessings received when the original Charismatic gift of the Holy Spirit was given to Eduardo Bonnin, and how his sharing this gift with others, has provided us with such riches over the years. On the anniversary of his death, I asked for his intercession as we strive to continue spreading the message of God's unconditional love, "*God in Christ loves us*", through the method developed and offered by those early cursillo disciples.

Cursillistas of today, let us unite in prayer for the Cardinals of the Church as they gather to discern the promptings of the Spirit within the conclave. We thank God for the leadership of Benedict XVI, and pray that he will enjoy peace and fulfilment in his retiring years. For me, he is a man of courage and integrity. An example that we must take in looking to, and caring for, the future of our Movement.

### The Year of Faith – journeying towards our Encounter.

Faith is a gift of God, but it is also a profoundly free and human act. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says so clearly: "Believing is possible only by grace and the interior help of the Holy Spirit. But it is no less true that believing is an authentically human act... contrary neither to human freedom nor to human reason" (n. 154).

*It is our response in friendship, to God: Believing means entrusting oneself in full freedom, and joyfully, to God's providential plan.*

*Faith impels us to reach out in friendship: Trust in the action of the Holy Spirit must always impel us to go and preach the Gospel, to the courageous witness of faith;*

We are now in the Fourth Week of Lent- During this time we might need to be more attentive and aware of the touch of God, His whisper, and His beauty in all events of our day. As in our Group Reunion format we need to ask "Where was the touch of God for me today".

This is a time when we can re-evaluate how our lives are directed to God.

A time when we measure our acceptance and treatment of all we meet in the light of the Gospel. A time for we Cursillistas to seek out those searching for a closer relationship with Jesus.

A time to lead them in friendship to live the Cursillo, where the Triple Encounter may bring them to a 'new life' in Christ, walking with brothers and sisters in faith.

**Cursillistas Numbers:** Secretary Margaret is grateful for the response to our request for numbers who have lived their Cursillo. It has a sad side, also, as we read of declining numbers in some countries where the movement no longer operates as actively as in the past.

Some countries are struggling, not so much with numbers, but with finding a leadership structure which can guide the future of the Movement. We continue to pray for those searching.

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**Directory:** This year's Directory will be published in June. If your National Secretariat has changed within the last 12 months, please send this information to us for inclusion in the 2013 Directory. Thank you to those who have already updated their information.

**World Encounter:** We attach a copy of the registration form for our VII World Encounter in November this year. Thank you to those who have already registered. All registrations will be acknowledged after the closing date in July. There is plenty of room for all. We look forward to welcoming you to our Great South Land.

**Fundamental ideas Commission:** The commission members are nearing the end of the huge task given to them. Drafts will be sent to the International Groups and they will forward them to each National Secretariat. There will be questions at the end of each chapter. Please be as concise as possible with your responses. They will be collated and returned to the commission members for final work before the book can be presented to the Encounter. The commission members have a very tight schedule.

**WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR DRAFTS PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE CLOSING DATE, AND THE ADDRESS FOR RETURNING YOUR COMMENTS. COMMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE DUE DATE WILL BE TOO LATE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

I quote from Benedict XVI:

***"Only in this friendship with Christ are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation.***

"Friendship – Through Him, With Him. In Him – the Heart of the Charism."  
 Your sister- in- Christ,

*Yvonne*

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan – OMCC President

*From our Spiritual Advisor*

The parables are the special kinds of stories Jesus told. One of the best known in the bible is the one known to most as the Prodigal Son.

The name, however, does the story a disservice. This is a story of two sons, not one. And the two of them are more pathetically alike than we may think at first glance.

Both sons come from a very privileged, well to do, background. Their father was very, very wealthy with property and many employees. But neither son realised what he had being the son of such a father. Both were extremely unhappy.

The first asked and got what his father was going to leave him in his will. He then left home, lived it up and wasted the fortune he had been given. He decided to go home, not because he loved his father but because he was penniless and his Dad's employees were better off than he was. To his amazement his father welcomed him, clothed him and put on a feast to mark the homecoming.

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The older son had stayed home and worked on the property but did not appreciate his father any more than his younger brother. To him his father was a slave driver and he was a slave. When he saw the feast put on for his brother he refused to join in. He was bitter and resentful and stayed outside mean mouthing his brother and criticising his father. His father pleaded with him to join in. The father wanted him to see the bigger picture.

The two sons are you and me at different times. We are God's beloved children. We don't have to do anything to earn this. This is a given, who we are through baptism.

We don't know what either son did. The story does not tell us. Did the younger one leave again? Did the older brother come in? The questions before us are the same as faced the two sons. Do we enjoy the feast and then leave again into misery as the younger son may have done? Do we stay outside nursing our resentment and bitterness over the love of the Father for ones who don't seem worthy?

May the richest grace of the Risen Lord be with you come the celebration of Easter.

Shalom

*Fr Adrian*